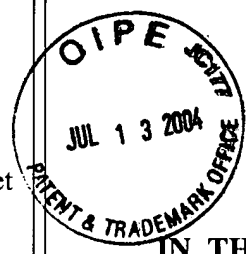


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004 is due July 15, 2004.

Please accept this paper as timely filed.

The Office Action required restriction between the following five groups of claims, Group I of claims 1-14, Group II of claim 15, Group III of claims 16-21, Group IV of claims 22-25 and Group V of claims 26 and 27.

Applicants hereby elect Group I of claims 1-14, drawn to an automatic ground marking apparatus, for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims in due course.

It is respectfully submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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